The New York Times and Dutch Handimen

Description

Today, above the fold, main section, New York Times:



Photo: Tyler Hicks/New York Times

Caption: â€œDutch soldiers, who stress reconstruction over combat, with a member of the Afghan National Police recently in Qala-e-Surkh, Afghanistan.â€•

Could the parenthetical statement â€œwho stress reconstruction over combatâ€• have been left out and still conveyed a message? I think so, but I guess any set of words can be used to convey a bias when you really want to get the point acrossâ€¦.

US Navy SEABEES Insignia

In the meantime, why are there no pictures like this of the SEABEES? They have been stressing not only reconstruction, but also construction over combat for their entire existence. Prominently displayed on their home page the words: â€œWith compassion for others, we build â€“ we fight for peace and freedom.â€• Not only do they build and fight, they have been known to build while they fight!

I guess the Dutch have issued camo and M-16s to carpenters.Ã, I suggest they outsource their work to the Navy.

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